IIT Roorkee report on runway extension

1500. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have not taken any decision to extend the runway at Kullu airport on account of IIT Roorkee for not submitting its final report so far;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereon; and

(c) by when IIT Roorkee is supposed to submit its final report to Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) IIT Roorkee has submitted a technical feasibility report extension of runway by constructing a bridge over the river Beas. However, they have been further asked to prepare a Digital Terrain Map (DTM) of the obstructions around the site, so that operational feasibility can be studied by Airports Authority of India (AAI).

(c) By May, 2007.

Airfield at Jharsuguda

†1501. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is an unused airfield near Jharsuguda of Orissa which was used during the second World War;

(b) if so, whether it can be converted into a working airfield now; and

(c) whether any action is being taken by the Centre in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Jharsuguda airport which belongs to Airports Authority of India (AAI) is not in use for last two decades. The airport needs major

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.